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   Sommario/riassunto   Foresight is an area within Futures Studies that focuses on critical
                         thinking concerning long term developments, whether within the public
                         sector or in industry and management, and is something of a sub-
                         section of complexity and network science. This book examines
                         developments in foresight methodologies and relates in its greater part
                         to the work done in the context of the COSTA22 network of the EU on
                         Foresight Methodologies. Foresight is a professional practice that
                         supports significant decisions, and as such it needs to be more assured
                         of its claims to knowledge (methodology). Foresight is practiced across
                         many domains and is not the preserve of specialized 'futurists', or
                         indeed of foresight specialists. However, the disciplines of foresight are
                         not well articulated or disseminated across domains, leading to re-
                         inventions and practice that does not make best use of experience in
                         other domains.   The methodological development of foresight is an
                         important task that aims at strengthening the pool of the tools
                         available for application, thereby empowering the actors involved in
                         foresight practice. Elaborating further on methodological issues, such

as those presented in the present book, enables the actors involved in foresight to begin to critique current practice from this perspective and, thirdly, to begin to design foresight practice. The present trends towards methodological concerns indicates a move from 'given' expert-predicted futures to one in which futures are nurtured through a dialogue among "stakeholders." The book has four parts, each elaborating on a set of aspects of foresight methodologies. After an introductory section, Part II considers theorizing about foresight methodologies. Part III covers system content issues, and Part IV presents foresight tools and approaches.